

## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

8 February 2022

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### **CASE CLOSURE CONSIDERATION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE, MESA MARIN CHEVRON, 11101 STATE HIGHWAY 178, BAKERSFIELD, KERN COUNTY, RB CASE 5T15000935**

This letter is to inform interested parties of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) consideration of closing the subject case (Site), and to request comments from interested parties.

The Site is on the southwest corner of State Highway 178 and Old Kern Canyon Road, and is currently operated as a commercial fueling facility and convenience store. Commercial and vacant property is adjacent to the site, and residential properties are also in the vicinity. A release from the underground storage tank (UST) system was discovered in January 2018 during system removal and upgrade activities.

Approximately 450 cubic yards of soil containing gasoline and diesel constituents were excavated to a depth of 10 feet below ground surface (bgs) and disposed of offsite during February 2018. A series of soil investigations subsequently determined the vertical and lateral extent of remaining gasoline and diesel constituents, which are stable and beneath a relatively small surface area onsite. Deep detections of fuel constituents are likely due to naturally occurring petroleum known to be as shallow as 250 feet bgs in the vicinity.

Groundwater is very deep and was not encountered during the investigations. The UST release lacks the mass and mobility to affect groundwater quality.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted the *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy* (Policy). This case has been evaluated for closure based on the evidence presented in the investigation reports and meets the case closure criteria based on the fundamental principles contained in the Policy. Soil sample results indicate there should be no risk to human health and safety or the environment from remaining petroleum product constituents. Site use is likely to remain a commercial fueling station and convenience store.

This Public Notice has been transmitted to the parties listed below, as well as posted on the [Central Valley Water Board website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) available at ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public\\_notices/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/)) Underground Storage Tank – Decisions Pending, Case Closures. Details of the assessment are also available to interested parties through the State Water Board's [GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>).

You may participate in the case closure process by reviewing reports, asking questions, and providing comments on the proposed case closure. The Central Valley Water Board's case number is 5T15000935.

Please submit any comments regarding the proposed case closure to the Central Valley Water Board's Fresno office by **11 April 2022**.

Interested parties with questions or comments regarding the Site or the proposed actions should contact the case worker, John Whiting at 1685 E Street, in Fresno at (559) 445-5504, or by email at [John.Whiting@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:John.Whiting@waterboards.ca.gov)

Upon completion of the public comment period, and in the absence of any substantive comments against closure being granted, the Central Valley Water Board staff will direct that any remaining investigation derived waste be removed and properly managed. If no problems are discovered during a final site inspection, a case closure letter will be prepared.